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Hiroshi KAWAI, et al. : EXAMINER: BOYKIN

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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ETHYLENE-

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COMPOSITION

## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.181(a)(3)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Petitioners respectfully request the Office to provide initialed copies of PTO 1449 forms for the Information Disclosure Statements filed in April 19, 2002 and July 15, 2002. The undersigned contacted the Examiner on December 15, 2003 and requested signed copies of the PTO 1449 Forms. She requested us to send her, via facsimile, copies of the Information Disclosure Statements and PTO 1449 Forms and also indicated that she would sign and return these forms. The Information Disclosure Statements were sent on December 15, 2003. However, the signed PTO 1449 Forms have not been returned. On January 16, 21 and 22, 2004 the undersigned attempted to contact the Examiner by telephone but the Examiner could not be reached. The voicemail messages have not been returned. Accordingly, petitioners respectfully request the Office invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 19,

2002 and July 15, 2002 and indicate that the documents cited on the Information Disclosure Statements have been considered by returning signed copies of the PTO 1449 Forms. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statements and Date-Stamped Filing Receipts are attached.

An early and favorable indication that the Information Disclosure Statement have been considered is kindly solicited.

For the reason given above, this petition should be GRANTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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